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Gates recommends Mullen to replace Pace as Chairman of the Joint Chiefs

By Jim Garamone

American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON, – To avoid a contentious reconfirmation process, Defense Secretary Robert M. Gates will recommend that President Bush nominate Chief of Naval Operations Adm. Michael G. Mullen to replace Marine Gen. Peter Pace as chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

In a Pentagon news conference June 8, Gates said he also will recommend Marine Gen. James E. Cartwright for the position of vice chairman. Cartwright is the commander of U.S. Strategic Command. Navy Adm. Edmund P. Giambastiani Jr., the current vice chairman, announced his decision to retire last week.

"I have become well acquainted with Admiral Mullen over the last six months and believe he has the strategic in-

sight, experience and integrity to lead America's armed forces," Gates said.

Gates said he intended to re-nominate Pace and Giambastiani but after consulting with senators of both parties came to the conclusions "that because General Pace has served as chairman and vice chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff for the last six years, the focus of his confirmation process would have been on the past rather than the future."

He said the confirmation process would have the possibility of being quite contentious. "I am no stranger to contentious confirmations, and I do not shrink from them," Gates said. "However, I have decided at this moment in our history, the nation, our men and women in uniform, and General Pace himself would not be well-served by a divisive

ordeal in selecting the next chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff."

Pace will continue to serve as chairman until his term ends Sept. 30. He is the first Marine to hold the position.

Pace, a 1967 graduate of



Adm. Michael G. Mullen

the U.S. Naval Academy, served as a rifle platoon leader in Vietnam and commanded at all levels of the Marine Corps. He was serving as the commander of U.S. Southern Command when nominated to be the vice chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff in 2001.

He took office weeks after the 2001 terrorist attacks in New York and Washington.

In 2005, he was nominated to be the chairman.

The chairman serves as the principle military advisor to the president, secretary of defense and the National Security Council.

Mullen is a 1968 graduate of the Naval Academy. He is surface-warfare qualified and

has commanded three ships: the USS Noxabee, the USS Goldsborough and the USS Yorktown.

As a flag officer he commanded the USS George Washington Battle Group and served as the commander of U.S. 2nd Fleet/NATO Striking Fleet Atlantic.

Gates said that Pace has served as a Marine for more than 40 years.

"He deserves the deepest thanks of the American people for a lifetime of service to our country and for his leadership," Gates said. "I have thoroughly enjoyed working with him, trust him completely, and value his candor and willingness to speak his mind."



Gen. Peter Pace



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This week's ICE article features Kudos to various individuals and teams that have made note worthy efforts of their high standards of customer service.

Customer's Comments:

Kudos to the MCCS director and staff for their efforts and success during the CO's Spring Social on 31 May 2007. The event was extremely well planned and executed and provided for a most pleasurable evening that it was. Great Job!

It is soooo very nice that you [Base Housing] have such a great staff member that is willing to do the little extras. It's so comforting to know that sometimes when we spouses need it we can get the extra help from the staff.

Would you please let **Michael** (I'm not sure if he's a maintenance guy or grounds keeper) know how much I truly appreciate him picking up my branches tomorrow.

It's really hard sometimes to keep up with such a big yard and the little

extra help, really helped me out in finishing the job. Thanks a bunch!!!

I would like to express my thanks to Mr. **Steve Weinrub** for his dedication, and attention to detail in his duties as the Operations Leader for the transportation department. He always has a multitude of things on his plate, yet he is always ready to help.

I have never been turned away when I needed his help. Steve is an exceptional individual and a pleasure to work with.

Chaplain's Corner

A testimony to a great father

By **Lt. Tavis Long**
Base Chaplain

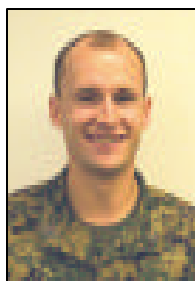
The summer of 1967 promised to be exciting for Bobby, a newly commissioned ensign in the United States Coast Guard. Bobby had just graduated from the Coast Guard Academy in New London, Conn., one of the most prestigious of all the military academies. After graduation, he was stationed in Boston before attending the Navy flight school in Pensacola, Fla. After completing the year-long training, he earned his naval aviator wings.

Like all the men of the late 60s and early 70s, Vietnam weighed heavily on Bobby's mind. Young, restless, and seeking adventure, Bobby volunteered to deploy to Vietnam. There was a shortage of rescue pilots so Bobby entered the Air Force Aviator Exchange Program. The task of rescuing downed pilots was initially given to the Air Force, but the Air Force lacked the needed manpower to accomplish the task and looked to the Coast Guard for help. Bobby was one of only 12 Coast Guard aviators selected for the exchange program over a five

year period.

In 1972, Bobby arrived in Vietnam. He was assigned to the 37th Aerospace Rescue and Recovery Service in DeNang. The 37th was designed to fly behind enemy lines and rescue downed pilots and other personnel. The task was risky and very dangerous. Bobby would fly the HH-53C's whose massive shape and color earned them the name of "Super Jolly Greens." Soon, the name "Jolly Green" became synonymous with bravery.

Bobby was in Vietnam for a year. He flew alongside his fellow aviators demonstrating courage and honor. Perhaps one of his more heroic rescues occurred near the Laotian-South Vietnamese border. Bobby was dispatched to a rescue two downed pilots. Partnered with another Jolly Green and four fixed wing escorts, A-1 Spads, the mountainous terrain and low ceiling would hinder the res-



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Just doing my job ...



Photo by Lance Cpl. Josh Carmona

Cpl. Geronimo Tyrell, military personnel, does his part during the base wide cleanup by picking up trash along the fence line of Interstate 40. Tyrell, a 22-year-old New York City native, knows the importance of keeping a clean community.

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News Briefs

Fathers Day

There will be a Fathers Day brunch at the Oasis Club Sunday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. It costs \$8 for military and \$11 for everyone else. It is an all you can eat buffet of barbecued ribs, corn on the cob, corn bread, a salad bar, fresh fruit and a free bottle of champagne for dad.

For more information call 577-6432.

Classic Car show

The Seventh Anniversary Celebration Classic Car Show is coming to Barstow Saturday from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. at the Historic Harvey House

The show is open to all vehicles regardless of year including stock, classic, unrestored, motorcycles and hot rods.

Vehicle pre-registration goes until the day of the show and costs \$20. All proceeds go to the Route 66 Museum.

For more information contact the Route 66 Museum at 255-1890 or visit the Route 66 Museum web site at www.route66museum.org.

Leave Sharing Program

Richard Baca, Maintenance Center, has been affected by a medical emergency.

Anyone desiring to donate leave under the Leave Sharing Program may obtain a leave donor application through their department administrative office.

To donate or for more information contact Lorinda Rognlie at 577-7099.

Maverick's Tickets

The Single Marine Program has free tickets for the High Desert Mavericks baseball game in Adelanto Saturday at 7:05 p.m.

To receive a ticket submit your name to Lance Cpl. Farhan Ahmed by 4:30 p.m. today.

For more information call Ahmed at 577-6539.

Huck Finn Jubilee

The 31st Huck Finn's Country and Bluegrass Jubilee is going on tomorrow through Sunday in Victorville with Mark Twain Live, bluegrass music, camping, fishing

and a performance by Roy Clark.

For more information call (951) 341-8080 or visit www.huckfinn.com.

Oasis Pool

The Oasis Pool is now open for the summer. The hours of operation are Tuesday through Sunday 11 a.m. until 7 p.m. Lap swimming is from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. and open swimming is from 1 p.m. until 7 p.m.

Single day passes

Lap swimming is free
Ages 2-10- \$1.50
Ages 11 and up- \$2
Guest- \$2.50

Monthly passes

Individual- \$15
Family of four- \$35
Each additional child is \$3.75

Seasonal passes

Individual- \$30
Family of four- \$90
Each additional child- \$7.50

To purchase a pool pass call 577-6971.

Golf Championship

The All-Marine Golf Championships are scheduled to be held Sept. 14-20 at Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune, N.C. Marines will be chosen to participate in a 72 hole medal tournament.

The top six men and top three women will proceed to the Armed Forces Championship scheduled to be held Sept. 21-27 at Naval Air Station Oceana, Va., where the top six men and top two women will make up the Armed Forces Team.

Marines interested in competing must submit an application no later than July 1. Applications must include proof of current handicap.

The handicap for men must be 4 or lower and for women a 14 or lower. Applications can be found at www.usmc-mccs.org/sports.

Applications must contain command endorsement stating the Marine will be made available to attend all events if selected. Marines must submit their applications through the Semper Fit Athletic Director.

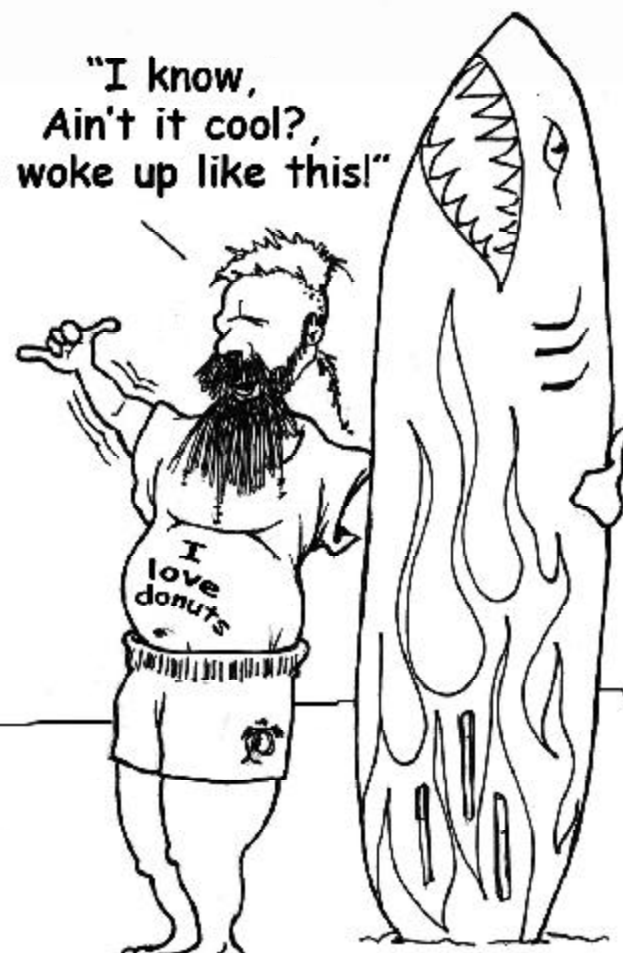
Marines without a passport will not be considered for the Armed Forces Team.

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For more information contact Shelley Hines at 577-6817.

Blood drive

The next blood drive is scheduled for today from 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The location to donate blood is on the Nebo side in the parking lot of building 15 in a mobile unit and on the Yermo side in the parking lot of building 595 in two mobile units.

Operation Eagle Eyes

If you observe any suspicious activity of anyone monitoring the base, trying to gain information about the base, attempting to penetrate or test physical security, or any other actions that may be considered terrorist acts, call 577-6666 immediately.

For more information or to set up an Eagle Eyes briefing call 577-6422.

Housing Demolition

The new housing MILCON

project has been awarded and demolition is expected to begin in early June.

Fencing has been placed around the areas that are being prepared for demolition (Desert View and Club Street). Everything within the fenced area belongs to the contractor.

In Desert View, this fenced area is not only slated for demolition but it is also where the new housing units will be constructed. After construction and when the rest of the housing personnel are moved out of the non fenced area, then those housing units will be demolished.

Club Street housing will be demolished and reconstructed in place for the most part.

For questions or concerns, contact the Public Works Officer, Captain Teddy Gilmore, at 577-6369.

Dig permit

Before digging on the base, a proper dig permit is required.

Created by Gunnery Sgt. Charles Wolf
USMC Active

To obtain a dig permit contact Charles Perkins at Installation and Logistics Department building 198, (760) 577-6739 who will then forward it through the proper channels.

Although requests need to be turned in 14 days prior, before you start digging (as stated in BO 11010), an emergency hardcopy request may be walked through. In that case, the request is walked through from Charles Perkins to Rick Wiley, Environmental Division and Communications Division, with a copy going to Perkins.

Editor's Note

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Sailor of the Quarter

Former missile tech shoots down opponents

By Cpl. Quentin Grogan
Combat Correspondent

With the end of a quarter comes a new Sailor of the Quarter. Hospital Corpsman Second Class Tyler Taylor, occupational health leading petty officer, Branch Medical Clinic Barstow, claimed the title for this past quarter.

Taylor was attending the University of Texas in Austin, Texas, when he decided it was time for a change. So, fascinated by the ships and the ocean, he decided on the Navy in December 2000.

After finishing basic training at Great Lakes, Ill., he began training as a missile technician.

The missile Taylor found himself working on was not just any missile, it was the Tri-

dent I nuclear missile aboard an Ohio Class submarine.

During his five and a half year tour as a submariner, working on nuclear warheads, Taylor went on six 3-month deployments.

For three months, the submarine was under water and secluded from the outside world, he said.

"It took a lot of getting used to," said Taylor.

It was not all cramped quarters and no fresh air. Taylor had good times while aboard a submarine.

During one deployment, with the mountains and terrain of Mexico in the far distance, the submarine he was on surfaced and the Sailors jumped off the top and swam in the Pacific Ocean.

He also mentioned the time

he was in the middle of the Pacific Ocean, and a chief petty officer aboard brought out a box of golf balls. Taylor, the chief and other Sailors climbed out to the top of the sub as it was surfaced, broke out the nine iron and took some swings to brush up on their golf game.

After more than five years as a submariner, he finally got to do what he wanted, an opportunity to attend corpsman school.

Taylor arrived at Barstow about a year ago, and began his work as a corpsman.

"[As a corpsman] you actually feel like you are helping people," said Taylor.

Later this year, Taylor is slated to deploy again, this time on land, to the deserts of Iraq to take his turn in Iraqi Freedom with Marines, not subma-

riners.

"H M 2 Taylor displays a positive can-do attitude which led to his selection. He completed more than 300 physical examinations of Maintenance Center personnel," said Senior Chief Petty Officer R.J. Lewis, Branch Medical Clinic senior enlisted leader.

For Taylor, it is not about being recognized for doing a

good job, being Sailor of the Quarter, to him, it is a job well done. That is his reward.



HM2 Tyler Taylor

Marines deploying to Iraq set to receive Modular Tactical Vest, a step up from old body armor issued

By Lance Cpl. Jeremiah Murphy
Combat Correspondent

The Marine Corps is issuing deploying Marines new armor that is a step up from what they are currently using in Iraq and Afghanistan.

The Modular Tactical Vest, or MTV, will replace the Outer Tactical Vest, or OTV. The MTV is a new outer tactical body armor vest designed to bear a typical Marine's load and integrate weapons and radios better than the current Interceptor OTV does.

There are two different types of armor, soft armor and hard armor: the hard armor includes the Enhanced Small Arms Protective Inserts (ESAPI), which are designed to stop a round or fragmentation from penetrating to the body, said Scott Adams, Leader, Armor and Load Bearing Team from Program Manager Individual Combat Equipment (PM ICE).

"I like to think of it as a catcher's

mitt. The webbing of the mitt stops the ball from penetrating through and absorbs the impact throughout the rest of the glove," Adams said. "When that bullet impacts the ESAPI, it stops the round from penetrating through, and it also distributes the impact through the rest of the plate."

The soft armor sits behind the hard plate and acts as a separate mitt preventing the last bit of trauma from hitting the body, he added. It is the last level of protection behind the ESAPI armor.

The MTV vest beat out 18 other body armor designs and the MTV met the high standards the government requires.

"We know that the manufacturers are going to gold-plate the sample they send us, make it the very best they can," said Dan Fitzgerald, Program Manager Individual Combat Equipment. "We know that anyone can make 30 plates really well, but we

want see if they can produce on a continual basis."

There are three testing stages armor must go through to be considered.

"The first article test is designed to test across a full continuum of envi-

ronments

that Marines can operate in," he said.

"From very, very cold

temperatures to very, very hot

temperatures and everything in-between.

Submersing

it in water, diesel fuel and salt water, anything you can think of."

The lot acceptance test takes a random sample of plates chosen from the submitted lot, takes them to an inde-

pendent testing facility and shoots them to test the plate's reliability.

The final test is a surveillance test. Once the armor has been in use for a while, PM ICE will pull random samples that have been used, take

them to bal-

listics labs and fire at them again,

Fitzgerald said. This keeps the

providing companies honest.

The

MTV has been tested

by the gov-

ernment, has surpassed all requirements and will be issued to deploying Marines from now until all Marines in-country operate with the new MTV gear.

"I like to think of it as a catcher's mitt. The webbing of the mitt stops the ball from penetrating through and absorbs the impact throughout the rest of the glove. When that bullet impacts the ESAPI, it stops the round from penetrating through, and it also distributes the impact through the rest of the plate."

Scott Adams

Fleet Support Division says goodbye to outgoing CO

By Cpl. Nich R. Babb
Combat Correspondent

A change of command ceremony was held Monday morning in Warehouse 406, where the transferring of responsibility from one commander to another was signified by two Marines standing side by side in front of a crowd of workers. With a guidon and a mini-platoon of Marines, the ceremony was completed without a hitch. After the ceremony, it was time for employees to say good bye to a well liked commander, and say hello to a new one.

During the ceremony, Lt. Col. Wayne O. Cox II, outgoing director, Fleet Support Division, relinquished com-

mand of Logistics Command's Headquarters Company - West, to Capt. Jacob Griffith, former executive officer, LCHC - West.

Cox came to Barstow in June 2004, when he took charge of Headquarters Battalion here. He served as the battalion commanding officer until he was chosen to carry out a six-month deployment to Iraq as the Logistics Command liaison officer for II Marine Expeditionary Force.

While in this billet, Cox was tasked with coordinating all logistics efforts that the II MEF had, he said.

After his deployment, he returned here and filled a temporary position as the di-

rector for Installations and Logistics Department, he said. He was then re-assigned to be the director of FSD and the commanding officer of LCHC - West.

Although Cox wore many hats during his tenure on base, he was not just a commander of units, he said.

Cox coached his sons' pee-wee basketball teams that they played on in the local Barstow leagues, and founded MCLB Barstow's Riders Club, he said.

The club helps to educate and answer questions from individuals who enjoy riding motorcycles, all-terrain vehicles, dirt bikes and so forth, he explained. Cox is

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Photo by Curt Lambert

Lt. Col. Wayne O. Cox II hands the company guidon to Capt. Jacob Griffith during a change of command ceremony Monday. The ceremony signified the relinquishing of command by Cox of the Logistics Command's Headquarters Company - West to Griffith.

Cracked employee fraud case nets tools, savings

By Lance Cpl. Randy Little
MCB Camp Lejeune

MARINE CORPS BASE CAMP LEJEUNE, N.C. -- A former Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune employee was sentenced for fraud and mail fraud in a federal court in Raleigh, N.C., May 4, for receiving federal worker's compensation for a work-related injury and failing to report to the Office of Workers' Compensation Programs.

The former employee was operating a car repair and sales business in the local community, while receiving federal workers compensation.

"During that time he bought [more than] \$20,000 worth of Snap-on tools and a Snap-on tire machine," said Todd Foley a supervisory special agent for Marine Corps

Air Station Cherry Point, N.C.

The former employee was sentenced to two years federal probation, 100 hours of community service, a special assessment fee of \$200, and was ordered to pay restitution to Camp Lejeune in the amount of \$25,000, Foley added.

The amount was paid in full at the time of the sentencing and the funds were credited back to the base.

"In addition to the \$25,000 restitution, more than \$40,000 which had been seized from the former employee during the investigation, was also credited back to the base for total of more than \$65,000," explained Foley.

In addition, all of the Snap-on tools and a Snap-on tire machine seized during the investigation were released to the base's Auto Hobby Shop on MCB Camp Lejeune for

future patrons to use.

There were more than 80 tools seized during the investigation, which totaled more than \$12,000 because they were previously used by the former employee, said Mike Payne, a special investigator with Cherry Point.

"Including the tools seized, the base received more than \$76,000," said Paul Ciccarelli, a criminal investigator for Camp Lejeune.

Because of the keen investigation by both Camp Lejeune and Cherry Point investigators, the annual cost

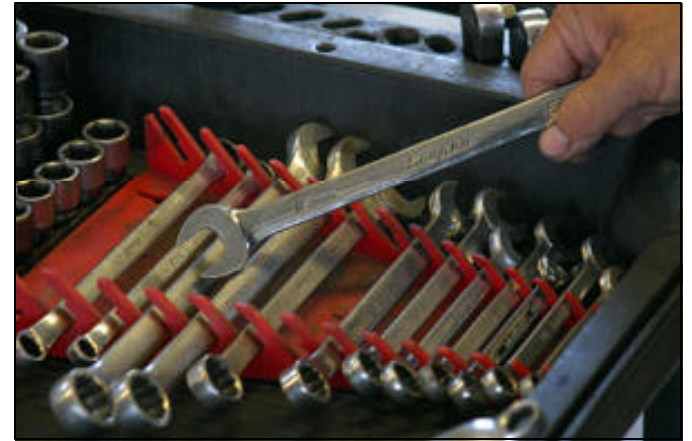


Photo by Cpl. Michael T. Knight

Snap-on tools were recently donated to the Marine Corps Base Auto Hobby Shop. The tools were confiscated in a government fraud case related to a former Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune employee. The employee was sentenced for fraud in Raleigh federal court May 4.

avoidance to the operating budget of Camp Lejeune as a result of this conviction is more than \$28,000 with a lifetime cost avoidance of more than 1 million dollars over the life time of the claim, explained Foley.

Marines conquer Big Bear, more coming up



Photo by Cpl. Nich R. Babb

Marines hike down a portion of the Pacific Coast Trail during a nature walk held Friday. The walk was meant to promote camaraderie and boost morale among the Marines of MCLB Barstow. Unfortunately, no wildlife was seen during the walk.



Photo by Cpl. Quentin Grogan

Once the Marines reached the top of the trail at Big Bear National Park, they were able to see a view such as the one above of the lake and the surrounding Big Bear community.

By Lance Cpl. Josh Carmona
Combat Correspondent

Marines from Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow woke up early June 8, to hike up and down Pacific Coast Trail at Big Bear State Park.

Marines from the base hiked in preparation for an upcoming hike in Yosemite National Park in the future and to build morale and unit cohesion, according to the base letter of instruction. The nature hike was not a one time gift to the Marines, but a doorway to future activities and training onboard base said 1st Sgt. Darrin Sullivan, Headquarters Battalion First Sergeant.

Sullivan said the command's

plan was to make Marines feel like Marines despite the fact there are fewer numbers on this base than most other bases.

"We want to do stuff to get Marines back to feeling like Marines," said Sullivan.

Activities and exercises to come might include heavy weapons practice, squad exercises using helicopters, a run-swim-run, and land navigation exercises.

The exercises will test the Marine's mental and physical stamina and will be rewarded by a 72-hour holiday.

"Marines will complain, but that's alright," said Sullivan, "complaining is how Marines brag about what they've done."



Photo by Cpl. Quentin Grogan

Half way up the hill, the Marines took a five minute break to hydrate, check gear, and get a quick rest before finishing the climb up the trail.

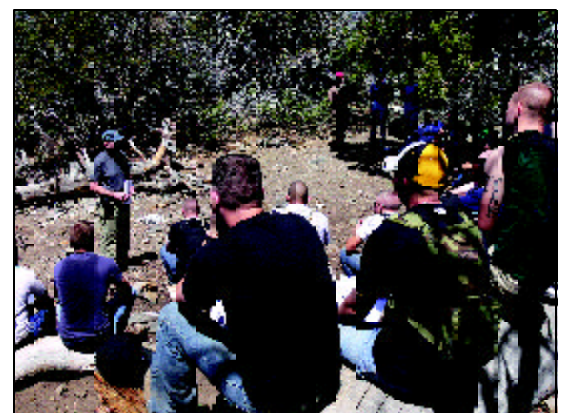


Photo by Lance Cpl. Josh Carmona

(Right) Col. K.D. Enzor, base commander, MCLB Barstow, gives Marines from the base a lesson in leadership at the halfway point of the nature hike. Enzor discussed future plans for training on the base.

Crestline Elementary School Field Day welcomes Marines

Story and photos by
Lance Cpl. Josh Carmona
Combat Correspondent

Certain things occur in early June that signals to everyone in Barstow that summer is here. The barbecue grills start firing up, schools close for the summer and Marines play jump rope. Well, maybe not the last one, but anything can happen when Marines help with a school field day.

Marines from Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow's Single Marine Program helped the students of Crestline Elementary, June 6, with their end of school field day activities.

Lance Cpl. Brian Rowl, SMP, vice president, said the field day was a very rewarding experience.

"Getting a chance to volunteer our time to the community is rare, but this was a great chance to get out of the office and make a difference," said Rowl.

Rowl said the field day is a yearly tradition with Marines on the base.

Marines put their own special touches on normal field day activities to include flak jacket races, free throw hit-or-miss, and Devil Dog jump rope, said Rowl.

Other activities included a water balloon toss, potato sack race, pass-the-cup, and chalk drawing.

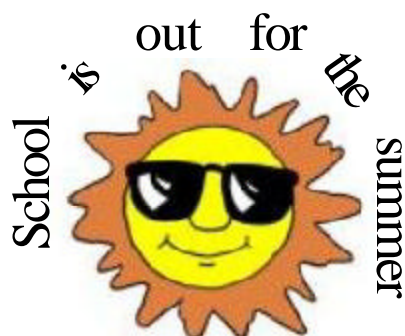
"The kids were so excited to see us, they didn't get bored with the games and played keep-a-way with our covers," he said, "We definitely will come again next year."



Pfc. Alex Wolverton instructs students on the proper way to do a fireman's carry. Marines led many activities with a physical fitness theme to promote healthy lifestyles at a young age.



(Above) Crestline students compete in a potato sack race with Sgt. Ralph Rodriguez, who marked the halfway point for the race. (Right) Lance Cpl. Travis Torrence, military personnel, watches a shot by a Crestline student. Torrence was one of the Marine volunteers who attended the Crestline Elementary school field day.



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cue attempt. However, once they were able to make contact with the downed crew, Bobby was able maneuver his aircraft into position and lower a para-rescueman with a litter. As the litter was lowered to retrieve the service members, one of whom had a broken back, they encountered enemy fire. Not wanting to give up his position and the opportunity to save these men, he ordered his fixed wing escorts, to engage the enemy while he maintained his hover over the rescue sight. In the end, Bobby had to keep his hover for over 20 minutes under enemy fire. Two crewmen had been successfully rescued and the aircraft were able to return to base successfully and safely.

Bobby finished his tour in Vietnam, earning two Distinguished Flying Crosses and eight Air Medals. For its size, his squadron was one of the most decorated squadrons in the Vietnam War.

However, Bobby's commitment to honor and bravery did not end in the skies over Vietnam. He returned to the States, married, and raised a family of

seven children. He continued his career with the Coast Guard, finally retiring from active duty with the rank of commander in 1987.

Bobby went on to earn his doctorate and became a college professor. He raised seven children and was careful to instill in them discipline, character, and integrity. Every Sunday morning, Sunday night, and Wednesday evening, or anytime the church was open for that matter, Bobby would take his family to church. They would always sit together as a family on the second row. The children were taught to read their Bibles, memorize Scripture, and always tell the truth. They were taught to respect authority and always give their best effort whether it is in the classroom or on the athletic field. One could argue that to achieve all of that, his exploits in the home were more defining then his time in Vietnam.

Now, his children are grown, all having attended a Christian college. The oldest son uses his talents for Christian ministry, while his oldest daughter is a stay-at-home mom.

Another daughter is in the ministry as a full-time Christian high school

teacher; and three more of his children are still in college. One of his sons is commissioned as a Navy chaplain assigned to the Marine Corps Logistics Base in Barstow, Calif.

Yes, Bobby is my father—Robert E. Long. He does not talk much about Vietnam unless you ask him, and he would probably be embarrassed if he were to read this article. But, from Vietnam to the classroom, and all of his exploits in between, I see how God used all of those things to mold him into a man of God that was determined to raise a family in the nurture and admonition of the Lord (Ephesians 6:4). While he would never admit it ... my father is a prime example of what a dad should be. One who loves his children and is determined that they see Christ through his example. And so, on this Father's Day, I remember my father who has many titles...veteran, commander, doctor, dad...but, I believe, the most important is "Christian," for he truly gave us an example of what it is to be Christ-like. So, I say thank you and "Happy Father's Day"; and like the psalmist, I too can say, "Our father trusted in Thee!" (Psalm 22:4)

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an avid motorcycle rider and a dirt bike enthusiast.

Most importantly, he was able to go back to school while being stationed here, he said. Cox was able to take graduate courses that went towards a doctorate degree in business.

Overall, Cox admitted to having a great time while stationed here, and is more than willing to either come back or stay, he said.

"Barstow was the best duty station I've ever been at," said Cox, "and if I could retire and stay here, I probably would...no kidding."

At the current moment, Cox is not retiring though, and is instead moving to Okinawa, Japan to be the 3rd Marine Logistics Group's operations officer in charge, he said.

Filling many billets during his time in Barstow was a good experience, Cox said. It was during this time that he was able to further his progress towards his goals, and attain valuable work related experience.



Texas Hold Em' Poker Tournament

Tomorrow is the next Texas Hold Em' Poker Tournament, and it is still not too late to play! Buy in is \$20 with re-buys allowed for the first hour of play. Sign ups will begin at 5:30 p.m., with game play set to begin at 6 p.m. Pre-register even if you do not pay the sign up fee until prior to the start of play. For more information, or to reserve a seat, contact Marketing at 577-5893.

Bowling Center

Complimentary bowling with shoes is being offered to Dad on Father's Day, June 17. Stop by and see the newly remodeled Bowling Center. We now offer pizza and hot dogs as part of our everyday menu. For more information, contact James Amos at 577-6264

Oasis Pool

The Oasis Pool is now open for the

season! Days of operation are Tuesday through Sunday from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Lap swimming is offered from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., with open swimming from 1 p.m. until closing. For additional information, please call 577-6971.

Pricing is as follows:

Season passes are \$30 for Individuals, \$90 for a family of four, with each additional child \$7.50.

Monthly passes are \$15 for individuals, \$35 for a family of four, with each additional child \$3.75

Daily Lap Swimming – Free

Ages 2 through 10 – Full Day \$1.50

Ages 11 and up – Full Day \$2

Guest – Full Day \$2.50

American Red Cross Babysitting Class

Marine and Family Services will be conducting an American Red Cross Babysitting Class on June 22 in Building 129 from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. There is an \$18 fee to cover the cost of materials and certification, and all participants must be at least 12 and not older than 18 years of age, and provide their own lunch for the day. Participants must pre-register by June 19 at the Child Development

Center. Call Grace Walls at 577-6049 or 577-6287 for more information.

"Let's Talk"

New Parent Support Program

Marine and Family Services is presenting a Let's Talk, class series on Tuesdays from 1:30 to 3 p.m. at the Base Library, room #100. All formalities are set aside and in a relaxed atmosphere, video presentations are viewed. Some of the topics will cover how children develop from one to six years, child safety, age related behavior, effective discipline and many more.

You don't dare miss a fun afternoon, meeting other parents or soon to be parents.

We look forward to meeting with all of you and plenty of space is available. For more information, please contact Mr. Thomas Addison at 577-6533.

Upcoming Topics are:

June 19 - Parenting the 4-5 year old child; June 26 - Child Safety; July 10 - Toilet Training; July 17 - Temper Tantrums; July 24 - When to call a doctor; July 31 - Effective Discipline; August 7 through 28 – Keeping pace with growth and development

July 4th

All American Bar-B-Que

On July 4 from 1 to 4 p.m., MCCS will be hosting an All American Bar-B-Que at the Oasis Pool. We will be offering at no charge, open swimming along with a full menu. Lots of fun for the family and you will still get home in time to enjoy the local fireworks display. For more information see the posters throughout the installation, or call 577-5893.

Family Dining

June's menu:

Today – Barbecued split chicken, mashed potato with gravy, vegetable, tossed green salad, desert plus any fountain drink

June 21 – Mongolian Night, .50 cents an oz, \$6 minimum purchase. Thinly sliced turkey, beef, and pork, with assorted fresh vegetables, oils, sauces and spices. Fried rice, egg drop soup, plus any fountain drink

June 28 - No Family Dining

Remember make Family Dining Night a traditional night out, and let us do the dishes! For more information, contact the Oasis Club at 577-6432.

FURNITURE Futon Bunk Bed, white. \$150. Call 256-2434 or 784-4089

ENTERTAINMENT New Esteven Black Acoustic/ Electric guitar, with pick up and amplifier, hard case and stand. Includes instruction Cd's and video. Call 253-5926

MISC. Solid wood fireplace, ventless, mahogany with attached book shelves, uses Jel Fuel, has logs and screens. Call 253-5926

MISC. Solid wood fireplace, ventless, Med Cherry with doors in side cabinet , has two matching book shelves. Uses Jel Fuel, has logs and screen. Call 253-5926

MISC. Oak music stand. Call 253-5926